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Hi, Just to say:

I have been using computer for many years now. I want to tell to that this past's years I have never seen a bigger monopoly than Microsoft is in the coputer world. Their domain is far reaching than just the operating system, for with that they can decide the technology for video cards, sound, digital cameras, and many other multimedia applications (no wonder they keep adding multimedia 'features') because their software other than allowing other programs to work (like a OS used to be) now adds many standars (direct X) that eliminate the posibilidad of independent improvements, for that and many other practices Microsoft and thier softwares are very dangerous, and they can in fact continue to expand their power and continue to force the computer industry at their will (more or less) because the costumer base is so huge. Ther sheer strength of the number of computers running on their programs is enough reason itself to do something, for it is too dangerous, anything considered above the law that MS did, thats just a bonus and a good excuse to use against them; this dangerous corporation.

A good decision would be one that defines whats an OS, and so make that OS what it originaly was: just a program that turned on the computer and put is together, the other software companies can run their software, and every program should be a single application apart from the rest, the OS apart from all applications even if they are from MS. Device standars (like video card drivers and api) should be decided by the card manufacturer (two big players right now) and so software companies decide what products to support, or to support both. Some compatibility would be lost, but that a very little price to pay for the freedom of the computer industry. Im sure once the industry is free we would see much more imprpovements in multiple directions, not just a few like it is right now (like direct X)

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